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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 18, 2002 for the above-identified patent application. The 3 month shortened statutory period for this response is set to expire on March 18, 2003, and therefore, this is a response within the shortened statutory period. In response to the Office Action, the Applicants wish to amend the Patent Application as set forth below.